

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

**FROM:** JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator  
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH ADELANTO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND BILINGUAL FAMILY COUNSELING, INC. FOR THE HEALTHY  
SCHOOLS/HEALTHY COMMUNITY PROJECT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement #01-590 with Adelanto School District to provide a community liaison and clerical staff in support of the Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project in the amount of \$88,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, increasing the total contract amount by \$88,000 from \$143,024 to \$231,024.
2. Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement #01-591 with Bilingual Family Counseling to provide mental health assessment and counseling services in the amount of \$49,800 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 increasing the total contract amount by \$49,800 from \$129,600 to \$179,400.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Adelanto School District to continue providing support staff to Public Health Nursing staff and community liaison for the administration of the Healthy Schools/Healthy Community Project. Bilingual Family Counseling will continue to provide mental health assessment and counseling services.

The Department of Public Health has operated the federally funded Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project at the Westside Park Elementary School in Adelanto since 1994. During the initial year of the Project, the Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health selected twenty schools throughout the nation for participation. Westside Park Elementary School was selected as a project site as it was found to be one of the schools of greatest need. A disproportionate percentage of the school population is below poverty level and there are no immediate health resources available to the children. In May 1999, the Department applied for competitive continuation funding and was notified that this project had been selected for renewal through June 30, 2004.

The goal of the project is to improve the health of students by integrating health and related services at the school site. The Department provides the school-based health and dental screenings, referrals, nutrition and health education, and case management services to enrolled students. The school-based clinic provided 5,598 clinical, case management, mental health, health education, dental screenings, and other basic necessities encounters to children enrolled during Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

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On June 26, 2001, the Board approved agreements with Adelanto School District in the amount of \$70,667 and Bilingual Family Counseling in the amount of \$18,000 for staff support services and the provision of mental health counseling under the Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. On October 2, 2001, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$46,800 with Bilingual Family Counseling to provide expanded funding for on-site mental health assessment and counseling services at Westside Park Elementary School.

On July 2, 2002, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$72,357 with Adelanto School District and Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$64,800 with Bilingual Family Counseling for the continued utilization of project support staff and provision of mental health counseling under the Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Under these agreements, Adelanto School District provides a community liaison and clerical staff in support of the Project. The community liaison acts as an important link between the Department and the community served, providing information and coordinating efforts between the Department, the School District and the community. The clerical staff provides support services to the Public Health Nursing staff and community liaison. The Department has been contracting with the School District for these support services since Fiscal Year 1995-1996. Bilingual Family Counseling provides mental health assessment and counseling services. Bilingual Family counseling has been providing mental health assessment and counseling services in support of the Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project since Fiscal Year 1994-1995.

These amendments are the result of the Department's desire to exercise options written into the original contracts that allowed for extension of each contract for up to two successive one-year terms, contingent upon satisfactory performance of the contractor during each then-current term. Additionally, the federal funding source, the Department and the School District recognize that an on-going, trusting and therapeutic relationship is an essential element in successful mental health counseling and treatment services, and this relationship has been established between the existing provider and the children they serve.

Since the Project's inception in 1994, disciplinary actions have declined from 3,959 in the 1994-1995 school year to 1,241 in the 2001-2002 school year. Annual suspensions have declined from 200 to 62 during the same period and only two expulsions were documented.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by the HSS Contracts (Lori Ciabattini, HSS Contract Administrator) on June 5 2003; County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 11, 2003 and County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 10, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this item will impose no local County cost. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by the Federal Bureau of Primary Health Care. Appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$137,800 are included in the Department of Public Health's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 budget.

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**Cost Reduction Review:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and recommends approval as it will impose no cost to the county and will allow the Department to continue to provide cost-effective, holistic therapeutic treatment services to children in need.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First District

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